The Rubber Factory.

215. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Dewan, the Chief Secretary to Government or the Director of Industries visited the Travancore Rubber Factory since its opening; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the dates of such visits?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Dewan visited the Factory on 6-11-1936. The dates of the visits of the other officers have not been recorded.

Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme.

216. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work in the Tunnel Section of the Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Scheme has been completed ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Government whether there is anything really wrong with regard to the Power House at Pallivasal ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A similar question was answered two days ago and I then stated that there was nothing wrong with the Power House. Two generating sets have been installed in it and if there is any the least subsidence or settlement of the foundations of the Power House, it can easily be detected by means of the micro-metre feeler gauge. After the heavy rains of October last, it was discovered that there was a slip on an adjacent hill slope 200 feet away from the site of the Power House. In order to find out whether at any time the foundations of the Power House would be affected, trial borings are now being taken and it appears hard rock has been struck about 15 to 20 feet below. Some protective works will be carried out to ensure perfect safety and that may be sufficient.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it the member's opinion that everything is quite alright with regard to the Power House ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Certainly, so far as the information now with Government goes.

Supply of cloth to the Forest Department.

217. *MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Department of Industries had any contract with the Forest Department for the supply of cloth in 1111 ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether it has been executed ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) and (*b*) An order for the supply of 31 pieces of turban cloth for foresters and 240 pieces for guards was received by the Textile Expert and executed in the Central Technological Institute.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): May I know whether the Forest Department approved all the supplies?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): They have approved all the supplies except 34 pieces of cloth.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the reason why the 34 pieces were declined by the Forest Department?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): The yarn used in the making of these pieces was not uniformly coloured.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the Industrial Department had received instructions with regard to the quality to be supplied?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Why then these difficulties arose?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): It was rainy season and the yarn did not get dried. Moreover they required it early. Out of the 200 and odd pieces supplied only 34 pieces were found to be defective.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know what the Department is going to do with these 34 pieces?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): They are being re-dried and given to other departments.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether there is any other department which can make use of this?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): They have already been supplied to another department.

The Kallara Public Market.

218. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Kallara public market was established, the date on which the acquisition of land for the same was completed and the date on which it was declared as a public market;

(*b*) whether Kallara market is within a radius of 3 miles from the Pangode market; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the present Kallara public market is an inconvenient location, that the lessee of this market as well as that of Pangode market complains about incurred loss?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) The Kallara public market was established on 2-1-1112. The land acquisition proceedings have not been completed. The site was declared as a public market as per notification published in the Government Gazette dated the 29th September 1936.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, with regard to the answer to part (*b*), whether there is any rule that a public market should be located only beyond a certain distance from another market?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): There is no rule.

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